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FOREIGN.

[Reports received from United States consuls through the Department of State and from other sources.]

*Cholera, yellow fever, and plague as reported to the Supervising Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service, December 29, 1896, to March 2, 1897.**

CHOLERA.

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
India:				
Bombay.....	Dec. 8-Dec. 15.....	.....	1	
	Dec. 22-Dec. 29.....	.....	1	
Calcutta.....	Nov. 14-Jan. 16.....	.....	193	
Madras.....	Nov. 21-Nov. 27.....	.....	2	
	Nov. 28-Dec. 4.....	.....	1	
	Dec. 12-Dec. 25.....	.....	6	
	Dec. 26-Jan. 22.....	.....	21	
Singapore.....	Nov. 1-Nov. 30.....	.....	12	
	Dec. 1-Dec. 31.....	.....	5	
Ceylon:				
Colombo.....	Nov. 28-Jan. 9.....	.....	106	
England:				
Plymouth.....	Jan. 9.....	.....	4	On steamship <i>Nubia</i> . No cases in city.
Japan:				
Tokyo.....	Dec. 4-Dec. 29.....	8	2	
	Dec. 30-Jan. 18.....	3	3	
Yokohama.....	Dec. 4-Dec. 29.....	4	1	
	Dec. 30-Jan. 18.....	2	2	

YELLOW FEVER.

Brazil:				
Para.....	Dec. 12-Jan. 2.....	.....	9	
	Jan. 31-Feb. 6.....	.....	2	
Rio de Janeiro.....	Nov. 21-Dec. 26.....	.....	10	
	Dec. 26-Jan. 9.....	.....	7	
	Jan. 9-Jan. 30.....	.....	21	
Cuba:				
Cardenas.....	Dec. 25-Jan. 23.....	64	6	
	Jan. 23-Jan. 30.....	20	.....
	Jan. 31-Feb. 13.....	.....	1	
Cienfuegos.....	Dec. 20-Dec. 27.....	.....	8	
	Dec. 28-Jan. 17.....	.....	2	
Habana.....	Dec. 24-Dec. 31.....	90	33	
	Jan. 1-Jan. 14.....	270	96	
	Jan. 14-Jan. 28.....	130	48	
	Feb. 4-Feb. 18.....	35	16	
Matanzas.....	Dec. 9-Dec. 23.....	.....	8	
	Dec. 23-Jan. 27.....	.....	19	
	Jan. 27-Feb. 17.....	.....	3	
Santiago.....	Dec. 5-Dec. 12.....	.....	6	
	Dec. 19-Jan. 16.....	.....	16	
	Jan. 16-Jan. 30.....	.....	5	
	Jan. 30-Feb. 6.....	.....	2	
Sagua la Grande.....	Dec. 19-Dec. 26.....	50	5	
	Dec. 26-Jan. 9.....	65	6	
	Jan. 9-Jan. 23.....	38	5	
	Jan. 23-Jan. 30.....	7	1	
	Jan. 31-Feb. 13.....	.....	3	
Ecuador:				
Guayaquil.....	Dec. 18-Dec. 25.....	.....	9	
Haiti:				
Port au Prince.....	Dec. 14.....	.....	.....	Yellow fever epidemic.
Guadeloupe:				
Basse Terre.....	Jan. 5.....	1	.....

* For table of cholera and yellow fever, as reported to the Supervising Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service December 26, 1895-December 29, 1896, see PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS, Vol. XII, No. 1.

Cholera, yellow fever, plague, etc.—Continued.

PLAGUE.

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
India:				
Bombay.....	Dec. 1-Dec. 22.....		558	This is the number of deaths officially reported. The United States consul estimates the number of deaths for the same period at 2,648.
	Dec. 22-Jan. 5.....		738	Estimated deaths for this same period, 3,238.
	Jan. 5-Jan. 12.....		335	Estimated deaths for this same period, 1,388.
	Jan. 12-Jan. 19.....		470	
	Jan. 19-Jan. 26.....		446	Estimated deaths for this same period, 1,462.
Karachi.....				Jan. 11. Plague epidemic; 220 cases, 214 deaths to date.
China:				
Hongkong	Dec. 13-Dec. 29.....			A few cases.
Japan:				
Formosa.....	Nov. 6-Nov. 30.....	53	37	
	Dec. 4-Dec. 29.....		15	

Current quarantine regulations.

[Translated in this Bureau from the "Veröffentlichungen des Kaiserlichen Gesundheitsamtes," Berlin, February 10, 1897.]

PLAGUE.

SWITZERLAND.—The federal council, on January 29, resolved as follows:

Importation and transportation of: (a) Rags and waste, old clothes, bedding in use, and personal and bed linen in use, with the exception of baggage of travelers; (b) skins, furs, hair, bristles, wool, felt, hoofs, claws, horns, bones, and all animal refuse, from the British East Indies, are forbidden until further notice.

1. Travelers arriving from the plague-infected ports of Bombay and Kurrachee are forbidden to enter or pass through Switzerland unless they can furnish an official certificate to the effect that they have received free pratique at the port from which they have sailed, or that they have not come in contact with plague patients or with plague-infected articles for a period of fourteen days and that such of their personal effects as were not absolutely clean have been thoroughly disinfected, and further that they themselves present no symptoms of the disease.

2. Entrance is prohibited except at the frontier stations of Chiasso and Geneva.

3. In order to the carrying out of provision No. 1 each frontier station must be provided with an examining physician in addition to the usual sanitary officers.

It is recommended that the authorities give telegraphic notice of the arrival at the frontier station of any passengers coming under the provisions of article 1.

4. The train officials shall in no case allow such passengers to leave their compartment or car until permission for the same has been received from the station physician.

When the latter can not, under the stipulations of article 1, allow such passengers to enter Switzerland, the car containing the passengers shall be remanded to the nearest foreign stopping place, under telegraphic statement of the circumstances addressed to the authorities at the station.

The confederated department of the interior shall be informed of every such case in which travelers have been turned back.

5. The train officials shall be required to furnish the physicians assigned to the frontier station with a suitable place for his examination and with the necessary appliances and materials for disinfection, such as corrosive sublimate, pure carbolic acid, lysal, etc., for the disinfection of the passengers and the crew of the train.

These regulations were carried into effect.